



New Kemet Harambe Chapter

“New Land of the black skinned people pulling together”

RECORD OF MINUTES - FINAL

Wednesday, August 9, 2006
Ralph H. Metcalfe Building
77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 327
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: William Burch, Marion Cleveland, Donna Coleman, Cynthia Colquitt, Ethel Crisp, Gwendolyn Massenburg, Lillie Davis, Stephanie Kimble, Brian Bell, Marion Cleveland, Deena Sheppard. Via teleconference: Sandra Chapman, Oliver Warnsley, and Adrienne Callahan.

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 am. Chaplain Marion Cleveland opened the meeting with prayer.

Quorum was established

President Sheppard welcomed all members.

Motion to adopt the agenda with corrections was made by Cynthia Colquitt; seconded by Brian Bell. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES

June and July Meeting Minutes – tabled.

TREASURER’S REPORT

April, June and July Reports – tabled.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS

President’s Report

- President Sheppard distributed membership information on Source One Credit Union located 55 W. Van Buren. Membership is open to everyone; also existing members of the credit union receive a bonus for new members that join.
- President Sheppard and 2nd VP Coleman attended a reception at the Hyatt Hotel sponsored by Luther Sales. Mr. Sales expressed that he wanted to continue his relationship with Blacks in Government; however, he needs more contacts to make this happen. President Sheppard contacted the New Detroit Chapter on Mr. Sales’ behalf to help foster relations throughout Region 5. Mr. Sales would like to come back to the Metcalfe Building sometime in the fall if a better location is secured. Mr. Sales is still committed to sponsoring our Fall 2007 Regional Council Meeting in Lisle, IL.

- The Patti Labelle concert at Ravinia went well. The fundraiser brought in \$200.00 for our treasury. Tickets still remain for Lalah Hathaway and Take 6 for Wednesday, August 23. Brian Bell and Gwen Massenburg will coordinate ticket pick-up. Thanks to all who have supported this endeavor. A great time was had by all.
- Reminded all about the Budget retreat on September 16, 2006 at President Sheppard's home at 12:00 pm.
- We need a volunteer to serve as food coordinator for Chapter meetings. Also, a coordinator is needed to spearhead our annual awards program.
- A Chairperson is needed for our Educational Scholarship Program. This will entail creating a budget and establishing the criteria for the program.
- Lastly, the Chapter is in need of a Programs and Planning Chair and Co-Chairs for Corporate Sponsorship and Community Outreach.

No other officer reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Report - Cheryl Simpson reported that we have 47 members, 19 Life, 6 Gold, no expirations. Also, membership packages were prepared and mailed by Anthony Ward.

PROPOSALS

Back to School Proposal - Will Burch presented a proposal to the Board for \$250 to help purchase school supplies for distribution at the community festival picnic on Saturday, August 26 at Hermitage Park, 58th and Wood. Motion was made by Mr. Burch and seconded by Donna Coleman. Motion carried. Mr. Burch will try to arrange for a table to display our banner and membership materials. Volunteers are needed to assist with distribution.

Benevolence Fund Proposal - Tabled

OLD BUSINESS

Food Depository - Gwen Massenburg and Vince Saunders volunteered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository on Saturday July 15th, from 9 am to 12 pm as food repackers. Gwen repacked dried cereal and Vince packed fresh vegetables (string beans). This was truly a teambuilding experience. Gwen noted that two employees attended from GSA, but wasn't sure if they signed the sheet for our Chapter to receive credit. Future endeavors of this nature could involve volunteering at soup kitchens, food pantries or shelters. As a result of the labor hours by our two members, \$30.00 was contributed to Matthew House for food credit.

National Resolutions (Ethel Crisp) – Nine resolutions were passed out in July for discussion at the August meeting which will be voted on by our Delegates at NTC. The Resolutions Chair read through each one and the recommendations were as follow: Resolution (1) – not to adopt; Resolution (2) – not to adopt; Resolution (3) – not to adopt; Resolution (4) – adopt; Resolution (5) – not to adopt; Resolution (6) – not to adopt; Resolution (7) – not to adopt; Resolution (8) – not to adopt; Resolution (9) – not to adopt. The final results will be provided at the September meeting.

National Amendments (Ethel Crisp) – Nine amendments were passed out in July for discussion at the August meeting which will be voted on by our Delegates at NTC. Ms. Crisp read through each one and the recommendations were as follow: Amendment (1) – adopt; Amendment (2) – not adopt; (3) – not adopt; Amendment (4) – not adopt; Amendment (5) – not adopt; Amendment (6) – adopt; Amendment (7) not adopt; Amendment (8) – adopt Amendment (9) – not adopt. The final results will be provided at the September meeting.

BIG NTC Tuition Assistance – Cynthia Colquitt received the Tuition Assistance for the NTC. Cynthia was the only application received and therefore, unanimously approved.

BIG NTC Travel Assistance Reminder – After a brief discussion, the original motion at the November Chapter meeting that approved the Chapter to provide \$500.00 for the travel expenses of this one member carried. Cynthia Colquitt will receive the assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Christmas Party (NKHC), West Chicago United and Chicago Midwest Chapter - Tabled.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm. The next membership meeting will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006, 3602 Edward Drive, Crete, IL at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by Stephanie A. Kimble
1st Vice President